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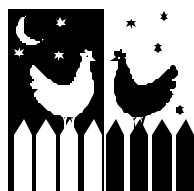
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were trending higher in the Northeast unchanged in the West and Midwest. Trade sentiment was steady in the Midwest, steady to fully steady elsewhere. Demand was light to moderate at best. Food service was mostly moderate. Supplies were generally adequate for the smaller sizes, more than sufficient for heavier weights. In the parts structure, breast items were well cleared. Wings were available. Dark meat items were at least adequate with the exception of thighs and thigh meat, which were in close balance to tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/29/01-02/03/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	52.00-54.00	52.32	17	56.09	27
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.73	46	52.94	75
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	56.38	17
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.42	12
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	64.78	22
Detroit	48.00-52.00	50.38	16	53.98	42
Los Angeles	66.00	63.83	65	61.43	135
New York	50.00-52.00	51.19	26	54.11	53
Philadelphia	49.00-51.00	49.50	8	51.14	21
Pittsburgh	49.50-51.00	50.14	11	55.79	57
St. Louis	50.25	49.70	16	51.10	36
San Francisco	66.50	66.04	28	68.43	54

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/29/01	Change/Last Wk	01/22/01	01/31/00
551	57.03	0.33	56.70	55.11

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	53.50-60.00	58.45	48
Central	54.00-57.00	56.30	57
West	50.00-62.00	58.09	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-62.00	61.34	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,140	47.00-63.00	60.34

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	136.50	4,750
BREASTS - WHOLE	67.50	1,565
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00	775
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	9,438
WINGS	93.50	3,112

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate best for feature activity and fast food specials. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in close balance to tight and clearing well. Wings were clearing, but caution was noted for late week. Thighs and thigh meat were tight. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to heavy with some plants.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole birds was light as dealers assumed a cautious posture entering the week. Offerings of the 3.5 to 4 pound birds were at least sufficient, however, the 3 pound and lighter sizes were about adequate to better balanced. The market tone was steady on the heavier birds, steady to fully steady on the lighter weights. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts remained tight, and boneless-skinless breasts were clearing well. Wings were more than sufficient, and dark meat parts were at least adequate.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries were at unchanged prices on regular commitments and higher on new negotiations. Offerings generally adequate. Buyers interest fair. Demand by stores light to moderate best where features planned, restaurants moderate overall best by fast food. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts for delivery into California this week: leg quarters 23-23.5 for bagged 4/10s, 20.5-22 bulk, bone-in breasts 65-80, boneless breasts 130-135. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 2.24 to 51.42 with the volume reported unchanged.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were generally unchanged in all areas with Ohio reporting TFEWR from last Monday's final majority. Whole broiler market tone was steady. Offerings of WOGs and whole fryers were available for the light trade needs. Movement into all channels was slow to moderate, occasionally good into food service accounts in the Chicago and Michigan areas. Floor stocks were mixed with sizes desirable. Parts trading was light and spotty. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on breast items, unsettled on wings and about steady on the balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was disappointingly slow to fair at best. Seller offerings were adequate on the 3 pound and smaller sizes; more than adequate on the heavier weights. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were just moderate overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Breast items continued to clear well, especially supplies of bone-in which remained short. Wings and gizzards were readily available in instances. Leg cuts were in fairly good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	42-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.46
NO. OF BOXES	9,211
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed market offerings. Supplies of bone-in breasts were balanced to tight, and boneless-skinless breasts were well cleared. Dark meat parts were usually sufficient, and interest in thigh meat remained strong. Wings were more than adequate and buyers were reluctant to secure much beyond most immediate needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was only fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts, steady to fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, no better than steady on wings, about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	137.18	664,440
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.98	111,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	67-68	72.62	243,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	67	70.34	195,800
LEGS	33-34	36.73	161,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	19.74	440,514
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	32.77	138,650
THIGHS	29-30	31.23	182,360
B/S THIGHS	82-83	85.77	42,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	98.93	286,670
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.10	67,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.18	34,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	47.97	99,560

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,414	100.00-135.00	110-120	115.34
TENDERLOINS	440	115.00-196.00	-	140.32
BREAST - WITH RIBS	148	69.00-84.00	69	71.58
FRONT HALVES	640	58.00-66.00	64-66	64.25
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	772	16.00-19.00	16-17	16.68
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	5,468	18.00-20.50	18-18.5	18.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	109	72.00-89.00	89	86.72
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,166	20.00-30.00	27	26.71

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/29	01/25	01/25	01/22	01/18
ALA	3,867	3,756	4.69	3,815	4.99
ARK	5,293	4,706	4.84	4,896	4.86
DELMARVA	2,296	2,304	4.89	2,298	4.91
KY-LA-TN	1,973	1,974	4.53	1,603	4.43
MISS	2,815	2,744	4.94	2,727	4.96
NC	2,546	2,583	5.71	2,529	5.76
TEXAS	2,327	2,306	4.76	2,311	4.83
TOTAL	21,117	20,373	4.90	20,179	4.97
MON	21,117(A)			20,179(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Jan 2001 is estimated to be 31,593,000 up 4.33 percent from a week ago and up 6.46 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,281,000, last year 29,676,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	588	120.00-215.00	130-140	134.71
TENDERLOINS	60	130.00-200.00	-	153.33
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	64.00-72.00	-	70.25
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	166	27.00-40.00	28-30	28.92
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	16.50-19.00	17-18	17.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,705	19.00-24.00	21-22	20.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	134	90.00-98.00	-	94.00
WINGS (CUT)	412	87.00-122.00	103-106	107.47
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	82	78.00-83.00	-	80.56

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 29, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.25 - 41.50	39.62	38.31

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO:

IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI

WEEK OF 29-JAN-2001 TO 02-FEB-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	123.00 - 165.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 83.00	67.00 - 71.00
LEGS	18.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 23.00	19.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	32.00 - 41.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	86.00 - 94.00	88.00 -
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8 & 9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-106
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	94
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

26-JAN-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	260,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-20.00	15.00-17.00	896,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.26	16.08		

15-20%				
RANGE	14.50-20.00	11.00-14.00	1,699,000	499,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.08	12.24		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

26-JAN-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	10.50-13.50	1,876,800	1,060,800
WTD AVERAGE	19.02	11.50		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN The average price for spent heavy hens was slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of raw materials. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR WEEK OF 29-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.65

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11.5	6.5-9.5	8.09

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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